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To all Members of the Council

9th September 2013

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Dear Member,

Meeting of the Council - Tuesday, 10th September, 2013

The papers for the above meeting were circulated on 2nd September 2013. At the time of publication, it was anticipated that a number of Recommendations would be made from Cabinet on 3rd September and from Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) on 5th September 2013. These recommendations are now attached for your consideration.

Hard copies of these will be available at the meeting.

- **Agenda Item 10. CONSULTATION ON REFRESHING THE MANDATE TO NHS ENGLAND: 2014-2015 - CONSULTATION RESPONSE** (Pages 3 - 4)
From the Cabinet, 3rd September, 2013
- **Agenda Item 11. COOMBE ABBEY PARK HOTEL** (Pages 5 - 8)
From the Cabinet, 3rd September 2013.
- **Agenda Item 12. SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013** (Pages 9 - 10)
From the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities), 5th September 2013)
- **Agenda Item 18. COOMBE ABBEY PARK HOTEL** (Pages 11 - 14)
From the Cabinet, 3rd September, 2013



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Lara Knight
Governance Services Team Leader

Membership: Councillors F Abbott, N Akhtar, M Ali, A Andrews, M Auluck, S Bains, L Bigham, J Blundell, K Caan, D Chater, J Clifford, G Crookes (Chair), G Duggins, C Fletcher, K Foster, D Galliers, D Gannon, A Gingell, M Hammon, L Harvard, P Hetherington, D Howells, J Innes, L Kelly, D Kershaw, T Khan, A Khan, R Lakha, R Lancaster, J Lepoidevin, A Lucas, K Maton, J McNicholas, C Miks, K Mulhall, J Mutton, M Mutton, H Noonan (Deputy Chair), J O'Boyle, E Ruane, R Sandy, T Sawdon, H S Sehmi, B Singh, D Skinner, T Skipper, H Sweet, K Taylor, R Thay, S Thomas, P Townshend, S Walsh, D Welsh and A Williams

Agenda Item 10

Council – 10th September 2013

**Recommendation from Cabinet
3rd September 2013**

Coventry City Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm. on 3rd September 2013

Present:

Cabinet Members:

Councillor Mrs Lucas (Chair)
Councillor Townshend (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Gannon
Councillor Gingell
Councillor Kelly
Councillor Kershaw
Councillor A. Khan
Councillor Lancaster
Councillor Ruane

Deputy Cabinet Members:

Councillor Innes

Non-voting Opposition Members:

Councillor Blundell
Councillor Taylor (substitute for Councillor Andrews)

Other Members:

Councillor Clifford
Councillor Hetherton
Councillor Innes
Councillor Thomas

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executive's:

M Reeves (Chief Executive), K. Bichbiche,
F Collingham, J. Moore O. Taylor

City Services & Development:

N. Clews

Community Services:

B Walsh (Executive Director, People), P. Fahy

Customer & Workforce Services:

L Knight

Finance & Legal Services:

C West (Director), L. Commane C Forde, B. Hastie,
P. Mudhar

Apologies:

Councillors Andrews and Duggins

RECOMMENDATION

56. **Consultation on Refreshing the Mandate to NHS England 2014-2015 – Consultation Response**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director, People, which set out the proposed response to a Department of Health consultation on refreshing the Mandate to NHS England for 2014/15. It was noted that NHS England was a non-departmental public body of the Department of Health and that its purpose was to oversee the planning, delivery and day to day operation of the NHS in England. The first mandate to NHS England was published in November 2012 and set out objectives from April 2013 to March 2015. However, it was a requirement of National Health Service Act 2006 for the Mandate to be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it remained up to date.

The Government was proposing to carry forward the existing objectives but was proposing to make additional requirements on NHS England to reflect the learning from the Winterbourne View and the Francis Inquiries into the Mandate to enable the quality services and patient safety to be improved.

Key additions included objectives to prevent ill health, strengthen A&E services, increase the diagnosis of dementia by two thirds and deliver rapid progress on the vulnerable older people's plan. There was also a commitment to prioritise mental health crisis intervention services and improve support to children.

Overall, the Council welcomed the proposals as a significant step forward in improving the current Mandate to NHS England. In order to make a real difference, the Council believed there needed to be measurable objectives put in place, in order to monitor the process of NHS England in delivering change.

The proposed response urged the Government to appropriately fund the NHS and where applicable local authorities to meet the requirements of the Mandate in order to make a difference to the health and wellbeing of people living in England. Over and above anything else the Council wished to re-emphasise to the Government the need for the NHS to get back to basics and provide good quality, person centred care which ensures people's needs are met with dignity and compassion. These are the very principles on which the NHS was formed.

RESOLVED that the Council be recommended to approve the consultation response.

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RECOMMENDATION

57. **Coombe Abbey Park Hotel**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director, Finance, which set out proposals to protect the Council's investment in the Coombe Abbey Park Hotel.

The Council's arrangements with Coombe Abbey Park Ltd ("CAPL"), which operates Coombe Abbey Hotel, were restructured in 2006. The Council retained a special share in the company which entitled the Council to significant value if certain conditions were met including onward disposal of the company. The company also had a leasehold interest which generated significant annual rental income to the Council. Coombe Abbey Country Park was entirely separate from CAPL and was owned and operated by the Council.

Coombe Abbey Country Park and Hotel were important cultural, leisure and tourist assets for the City. The Council's existing interests in CAPL resulted from work over the last 20 years to bring the building back into use and operate it as a unique hotel.

Prior to the global financial crisis, CAPL's current owner took out a short term bank loan to finance the investment in an additional 39 new bedrooms on the site.

The report detailed the options that the Council was to consider in order to protect its public investment in Coombe Abbey Hotel as a shareholder, landlord and protect the cultural asset for the City. The Council aimed to ensure that the hotel had a sustainable future, to maximise commercial opportunities between the Coombe Abbey Hotel and Coombe Abbey Country Park and to increase the opportunity for value to be realised from the special share in the medium term. It was recommended that the Council take proactive action to refinance CAPL on a commercial basis.

CAPL would be required to manage its costs and maximise income to ensure a sustainable and growing business plan and to meet the terms of the loan and rental payments due to the Council.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet approve recommendations 1 to 5 below and recommend that the Council:

- (1) Approve the use of its powers under the Local Government Act 2003 to prudentially borrow the sum detailed in the private report.**
- (2) Approve the use of its powers under the Localism Act 2011 to provide a loan to Coombe Abbey Park Limited on commercial terms to be met from prudential borrowing as an addition to the existing approved capital programme*.**

***(this is on the basis that the Council is minded to approve recommendations (1) and (2) to Council but is not authorised by the authority's executive arrangements, financial regulations, standing orders or other rules or procedures to make a determination in those terms.)**

- (3) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Legal Services and the Council Solicitor to agree detailed terms of the transaction.**

- (4) Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources and the Council Solicitor as appropriate, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) and Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources), to make variations or new requirements to give effect to the proposals that are deemed necessary.**
- (5) Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources and the Council Solicitor as appropriate, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment), Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources) and Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities), to sign the loan agreement and an amended Shareholders Agreement and such other ancillary documentation as is necessary to complete the refinancing transaction, based on the proposals detailed in the private report.**
- (6) Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) to approve the appointment of a Non-Executive Director on the Coombe Abbey Park Limited Board to represent the Council as referred to in section 2.3 of the report, supported by a Council Officer. Initially the Council Officer will be the Executive Director, Resources who will discharge this day to day responsibility to a qualified senior officer in Financial Management.**

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Council – 10th September, 2013

Recommendation from Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities), 5th September 2013

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) held at 2.00 pm. on 5th September, 2013

Present:

Cabinet Member: Councillor Townshend

Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Andrews

Other Members Present: Councillor Clifford

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executive: G. Holmes, N. Nagra and J. Venn

People: S. Brake, S. Roach and H. Simmonds

Resources: S. Lal, U. Patel and H. Peacocke

In attendance: Honorary Alderman Gazey

Apologies: Councillor Abbott

RECOMMENDATION

Public business

29. Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director, which provided information on the new Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 that received Royal Assent on 28th February 2013 and would be phased in between 1st September and 1st December 2013. The new Act would introduce a revised regulatory regime for the scrap metal dealing and vehicle dismantling industries.

On 31st July 2013, Cabinet Member (Community Safety & Equalities) authorised a consultation process on the proposed fee levels for the implementation of the new regulatory process. The purpose of the report was to provide details of the results of the consultation and to seek approval to refer the proposed setting of fees and scheme of delegations to Council.

The Home Office have advised there would be transitional arrangements for dealers registered under the old Scrap Metal and Motor Salvage Acts. Under these arrangements, current registered traders would be able to make applications from 1st October 2013 and would be able to continue trading whilst their applications were being determined

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities):

- (1) Considers the consultation responses in the Report, shown at Appendix C.**
 - a) Recommends that Council adopt the scheme of delegations as shown at Appendix A; and**
 - b) Recommends that Council adopt the proposed fee levels, as shown at Appendix B.**
- 2) Council is requested to endorse the scheme of delegations and fee levels recommended by the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities).**

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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